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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC RISES 1.3 PERCENT IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 15, 1992 -- Airline passenger traffic increased 1.3 percent in April compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today. Traffic for the first four months of 1992 rose 6.5 percent from 1991 but is still 0.9 percent below 1990 traffic levels.

In domestic service, traffic decreased 4.8 percent in April, while available seat miles were up 1.3 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 58.5 percent, down from 62.3 percent for April 1991. Passenger enplanements increased 5.6 percent to 31.6 million.

In international service, traffic in April was up 23.0 percent. Available seat miles increased 27.4 percent. The load factor averaged 64.7 percent, compared with 67.0 percent for April 1991. 3.2 million passengers were enplaned in April 1992, up 12.9 percent from the same period last year.

For the first four months of 1992, domestic traffic decreased 1.1 percent, and available seat miles were up 1.9 percent. The load factor decreased to 57.3 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 2.1 percent, with 123.1 million passengers.

International traffic for the first four months of 1992 was up 34.1 percent. The available seat miles increased 22.7 percent, and the load factor averaged 65.3 percent, up from 59.7 percent last year. The number of passengers increased 21.0 percent to 12.5 million.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1992 - 1991

	APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	PERCENT CHANGE	1992	1991	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,574	33,441	(5.6)	123,117	125,742	(2.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	25,865,035	27,179,054	(4.8)	101,025,211	102,120,251	(1.1)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	44,220,252	43,647,863	1.3	176,430,986	173,200,259	1.9
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.5	62.3		57.3	59.0	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,160	2,800	12.9	12,503	10,329	21.0
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	9,482,208	7,711,783	23.0	37,625,988	28,053,365	34.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	14,652,437	11,505,522	27.4	57,660,152	47,006,306	22.7
LOAD FACTOR (%)	64.7	67.0		65.3	59.7	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,734	36,241	(4.2)	135,620	136,071	(.3)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	35,347,243	34,890,837	1.3	138,651,199	130,173,616	6.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	58,872,689	55,153,385	6.7	234,091,138	220,206,565	6.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.0	63.3		59.2	59.1	

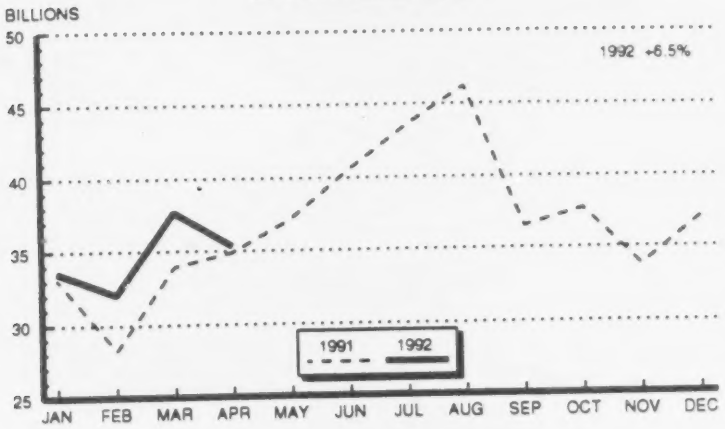
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, SOUTHWEST, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	LOAD FACTOR	PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE
1991							
January	33,122,285	(1.8)	58,138,799	(1.1)	57.0	33,239	(2.4)
February	28,250,887	(10.4)	50,232,971	(5.7)	56.2	30,741	(7.4)
March	33,909,607	(11.2)	56,681,410	(5.8)	59.8	35,850	(10.6)
April	34,890,837	(4.4)	55,153,385	(6.4)	63.3	36,241	(4.4)
May	37,140,645	(0.1)	58,502,714	(4.1)	63.5	37,432	(1.2)
June	40,520,470	(2.0)	60,228,843	(2.0)	67.3	38,956	(3.5)
July	43,535,541	(0.8)	63,941,255	(1.1)	68.1	41,106	(1.3)
August	46,185,842	(0.9)	64,737,215	(1.0)	71.3	42,925	(3.3)
September	36,470,419	(0.1)	59,538,782	(1.9)	61.3	34,604	(2.2)
October	37,683,000	0.6	61,048,393	(1.8)	61.7	37,159	(2.1)
November	33,762,251	(1.9)	57,597,691	(1.4)	58.6	33,870	(5.3)
December	37,053,311	3.6	59,116,724	(1.4)	62.7	36,671	2.5
TOTAL 1991	442,525,095	(2.3)	704,918,182	(2.8)	62.8	438,794	(3.4)
Jan – Apr	130,173,616	(7.0)	220,206,565	(4.7)	59.1	136,071	(6.3)
1992							
January	33,602,044	1.4	59,322,495	2.0	56.6	32,227	(3.0)
February	32,061,922	13.5	55,818,133	11.1	57.4	31,617	2.8
March	37,639,990	11.0	60,077,821	6.0	62.7	37,042	3.3
April	35,347,243	1.3	58,872,689	6.7	60.0	34,734	(4.2)
TOTAL 1992	138,651,199	6.5	234,091,138	6.3	59.2	135,620	(0.3)

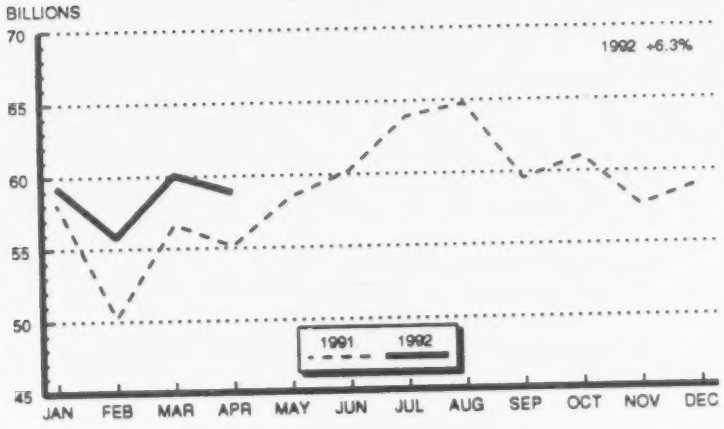
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES